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## **DEMA MONITORS APROACHING SNOW**

With up to six inches of snow forecast for parts of the state, Delaware Emergency Management Agency is monitoring the weather and coordinating preparations among state and local agencies.

According to Gary Szatkowski, National Weather Service, northern and central Delaware can expect up to six inches of snow to fall between 7 p.m. tonight and 6 a.m. Thursday morning. Heaviest accumulation is expected between 10 p.m. and 4 a.m. Accumulation in Sussex County is expected to be one to three inches with the possibility of some sleet mixed in.

The snow is forecast to be dry and light and easy to clear, with little chance of heavy drifts. However, it may blow easily or be stirred up by vehicular traffic and could cause visibility problems.

Decisions regarding schools will be issued by individual school districts and will be posted on the state's School Closing web site.

Delaware Department of Transportation officials in all counties report that they will have crews working through the night to pre-treat the roads and to plow accumulation when necessary.

DEMA Deputy Director Glenn Gillespie advises motorists to exercise extreme caution when driving and to avoid going out during the snowfall if possible. DEMA staff and relevant state officials will be in contact with the National Weather Service and will regularly issue advisories to the public.

For timely information on weather updates, road conditions, closings and delays, residents are advised to listen to local broadcast media and monitor the DEMA web site, www. state.de.us/dema and the State of Delaware web site, Delaware.gov, sub-page Closings and Delays.